

Washington, D.C. Congressman Sanford Bishop, Representative for Georgia's Second Congressional District, today announced that Communities in Schools (CIS), Albany/ Dougherty, Inc., a dropout prevention organization, will receive a \$199,544 grant from the United States Department of Education.

"Georgia's high school graduation rate hit an all-time high in recent years, and there's no doubt that organizations like CIS have been instrumental in this achievement," said Congressman Bishop.

CIS provides students with one-on-one mentoring to help them mature in their personal and social responsibilities, increase participation in education, refrain from using drugs and alcohol, and curb violent behavior, including gang activity.

Lynn Borders, CIS Executive Director, reports, "We greatly appreciate and are so excited with the Department of Education's selection of Communities In Schools of Albany/Dougherty as a recipient of this funding. It acknowledges our organization's growth and service to students, and further pays tribute to our many community members who entrust us with their personal contributions, to use them responsibly, and in ways that will help our students to succeed in school and in life."

CIS Albany/ Dougherty, an accredited affiliate of Communities In Schools of Georgia, as well as the 30-year-old CIS National, was established in Dougherty County in 1995. The mission of Communities In Schools (CIS) is "to champion the connection of community resources with schools to help young people successfully learn, stay in school and prepare for life."

For more information about CIS Albany/ Dougherty, contact (229) 888-2664.